

An Order for the Worship of God

November 30, 2025 – First Sunday of Advent

Ring of the Bells

Welcome & Announcements - Candle Lighting and Prelude

*Please stand, if able

Call to Worship: (Liturgist – **Congregation**)

Be patient! Wait and Watch for the Lord is drawing near to us.

We have gathered here this day to hear the good news and to gather strength for the times to come.

Be at peace with one another.

Let love and wisdom prevail.

Open your hearts and souls to God's healing word.

Lord, touch our hearts. Teach us to patiently listen for your words of love. AMEN.

Lighting of the Advent Candle – Bill and Nancy Wallace

*Opening Hymn: #92, O Come, O Come, Emmanuel, v. 1, 2 & 4

Opening Prayer & The Lord's Prayer

Lord of Love and Light, shine through our darkness, bringing us hope. Open our hearts for this Advent journey, our eyes for the light, our spirits for the peace which you bring. Fill our mouths with laughter and speech with shouts of joy that we shall reveal the love with which you surround us. We offer this prayer in the name of the One who is coming into the world bringing us hope, love, peace, and joy, and it is in his name that we pray: "Our Father ... (debts/debtors)

New Testament Reading: Romans 13:11-14

Liturgist: This is the Word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God.

*Gloria Patri: #558 (PILGRIM)

Gospel Reading: Matthew 24:36-44

Liturgist: This is the gospel message of our Lord and Savior

All: May the reading and the hearing of Your word inform our minds, comfort our souls, and guide our feet.

Devotion on "Do You Hear What I Hear?"

Soloist: Sue Laubenheimer

Devotion on "Mary Did You Know?"

Soloist: Julie Kluck

Sacrament of Holy Communion

Invitation to the Table/Invitation to the Meal

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

Words of Institution

Distribution

Communion will be received today in the pews. The Bread of Life is received first, please eat as you receive it. The wine or grape juice will be served next, please wait for all to receive to drink.

Children are invited to Communion at the discretion of their parents

Prayer of Thanksgiving:

Embracing God, we thank You for granting us a fresh chance at life through this sacrament. Help us to truly sense the power of the presence of Your Son within us, that we may move forth to bring about Your kingdom. It is in His name we pray. Amen

Call for the Offering

Let us share God's blessings, as we collect our tithes, gifts, and offerings.

*Doxology #562 (Pilgrim)

Offering Prayer:

We give our offering hopefully, hoping that you can use these gifts, hoping that these gifts can further your kingdom, hoping that your kingdom will come. Your kingdom, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Amen.

Devotion on Hark! The Herald Angels Sing
Hymn #125, Hark! The Herald Angels Sing

Benediction

We go in peace to love and serve the Lord in the name of Christ. Amen.

*Extinguishing the Candles
Postlude

Worship Leaders

Pastor

Liturgist

Assisting Ministers;

Jerry Eisner

Kathy Stowers

Bill and Nancy Wallace

Paul Isaacson

Bob Laubenheimer

Julie Kluck

Sue Laubenheimer

Director of Music

ST. JACOBI CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH



Welcome Visitors! Thank you for joining this congregation for worship this morning. You are welcome and encouraged to participate in all functions of the church including communion and fellowship. Please pick up a *Welcome!* Folder as you exit the church to learn more about the offerings of St. Jacobi Congregational Church!
We are happy you are here!

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Thanks to Marilyn Becker for sponsoring
the bulletins this morning in honor of Dick's birthday on
Dec. 2.

